But in the eſtimation of a haire,
Thou dyeſt,and all thy goods are confiſcate.
Grat. A ſecond *Daniel*,a *Daniel* Jew :
Now Infidell I have you on the hip.
Por. Why doth the Iew pauſe,take thy forfeiture.
Shy. Give me my principall,and let me go.
Baſſ. I have it ready for thee,here it is.
Por. He hath refuſd it in the open Court,
He ſhall have meerely juſtice and his Bond.
Grat. A *Daniel* ſtill ſay I,a ſecond *Daniel*,
I thanke thee Iew for teaching me that word.
Shy. Shall I not have barely my principall?
Por. Thou ſhalt have nothing but the forfeiture
To be ſo taken at thy perill Iew.
Shy. Why then the Devill give him good of it?
Ile ſtay no longer queſtion.
Por. Tarry Iew,
The Law hath yet another hold on you.
It is enacted in the Lawes of *Venice*,
If it be prooved againſt an alien,
That by direct,or indirect attempts
He ſeek the life of any Citizen,
The party 'gainſt the which he doth contrive,
Shall ſeaze on halfe his goods,the other halfe
Comes to the privie Coffer of the State,
And the offenders life lies in the mercy
Of the Duke onely, 'gainſt all other voyce.
In which predicament I ſay thou ſtandſt:
For it appeares by manifeſt proceeding,
That indirectly,and directly too,
Thou haſt contrived againſt the very life
Of the defendant: and thou haſt incurr'd
The danger formerly by me rehearſt.
Downe therefore,and beg mercy of the Duke.
Gra. Beg that thou maiſt have leave to hang thy ſelfe,
And yet thy wealth being forfeit to the State,
Thou haſt not left the value of a cord,
Therefore thou muſt be hang'd at the States charge.

Duke. That

Duke. That thou ſhalt ſe
I pardon thee thy life before
For halfe thy wealth it is *A*
The other halfe comes to th
Which humbleneſſe may dri
Por. I for the State,not fo
Shy. Nay,take my life and
You take my houſe,when yo
That doth ſuſtaine my houſe
When you do take the mean
Por. What mercy can you
Grat. A halter *gratis*,noth
Anth. So pleaſe my Lord
To quit the fine for one half
I am content: ſo he will let
The other halfe in uſe,to ren
Upon his death unto the Ge
That lately ſtole his daughte
Two things provided more,
He preſently become a Chri
The other,that he do record
Here in the Court,of all he d
Unto his ſonne *Lorenzo* and
Duke. He ſhall do this,or
The pardon that I late pron
Por. Art thou contented
Shy. I am content.
Por. Clarke,draw a deed
Shy. I pray you give me l
I am not well,ſend the deed
And I will ſigne it.
Duke. Get thee gone,but
Grat. In chriſtning ſhalt t
Had I been judge,thou ſhou
To bring thee to the gallow
Duke. Sir I intreat you ho
Por. I humbly do deſire y
I muſt away this night towa

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